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Waterloo Greenway: For the Benefit of All

Waterloo Greenway is a 1.5-mile park system with the power to bring the entire Austin community together. Once complete, the 35 acres of connected green space – meandering from 15th St. along downtown’s eastern edge to Lady Bird Lake – will be home to a wild array of natural and cultural destinations. Amid epic gardens and rolling pathways, and a twinkling Waller Creek that links them, the environment, arts, health, and adventure will converge – and nourish authentic and uplifting experiences that reflect our city’s diversity.

With a significant public-private partnership between the City of Austin and the Waterloo Greenway Conservancy, this park of all parks is being planned, designed, and built in a series of geographic milestones. Meeting each one by the 2026 completion goal is ambitious and requires support from the entire community. There’s much work yet to be done, but the project is well on its way: Symphony Square, Waterloo Park, and Moody Amphitheater are now open!

Destinations

Anything can transpire in Waterloo Greenway – the thunderclap of a concert crowd, a cabaret of birdsong, or the widening smiles of strangers as they discover common bonds. Explore the park’s many destinations being created for many different people.

Creek Restoration

A twinkling Waller Creek with banks that beckon is the foundation of Waterloo Greenway. Discover why a major environmental restoration of this beloved stream is opening up the future of our increasingly dense city.

Trails & Bridges

The best way to move across the city is to the sound of nature. Learn how meandering pathways and a series of bridges with breathtaking creek views will create a continuous way to traverse downtown without ever hitting pavement.



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A Whole New Way for Austin to Connect

Just imagine: a continuous path that moves you effortlessly from The University of Texas all the way to Lady Bird Lake — one where you wind around a pristine creek instead of crowded roads, where stop signs are replaced by shade trees, and playful detours lead to dazzling gardens and perfect patches of picnic grass.

When Waterloo Greenway is complete, three new miles of ADA-accessible trails and bridges will change how we travel through a growing Austin for good. Canopy walkways high in bald cypress groves will crisscross the Creek Delta, creating easy access to Rainey St. and other neighborhoods. Enchanting over-the-creek boardwalks will bring important destinations like Palm Park back to the city, and a floating pontoon bridge at the southern end of Waterloo Greenway will link South Austin directly to downtown.

Connecting to the rest of the urban trail network, including the Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail and Shoal Creek Trail, this alternative - and likely faster - transportation system will give people room to roam while creating an urban community that's closer together than ever before.

Restoring Waller Creek

We believe Waller Creek can do far more than exist in the intensifying urban core of our city — it can flourish. But only with the support and expertise of our numerous partners.

Over time, the health of this historic creek's diverse ecosystem has been challenged by intense development. Herons perch on drain pipes that empty directly into the waters. Sunfish and goldfish swim in polluted runoff. Turtles poke up between styrofoam cups, and saplings bend under sodden trash bags. With floods and droughts mixed in, the results are plain: poor water quality, a crumbling creek bedrock, and eroding banks.

Throughout Waterloo Greenway, we're transforming lower Waller Creek from a piece of rundown infrastructure into a natural oasis — one that flows across city divides and leaves greater health and happiness for every Austinite in its gentle wake. Every step of the way, we're committed to improving environmental conditions and establishing collaborative approaches to monitoring and stewardship.

We want to know: What does a welcoming Waterloo Greenway look like to you?

Building an inclusive park that benefits all of Austin means building strong relationships with people and organizations all across the city. Through ongoing community engagement efforts, we're listening hard to what our increasingly diverse city needs and wants. Every perspective matters — especially yours.

Whether you know all about the park or you're just learning about it, join us at any one of our free public conversations to explore its progress and discuss cultural and educational program planning. Or, ask us to come present at your next meeting or community event. Your feedback and new ideas are invaluable to creating a space that anyone and everyone can enjoy.



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